

## Information for Taught Museum Session:

### Learning from Objects

### Hands-on Workshop

Examine mystery objects from around the world in this fun general introduction to the Museum. Explore the range of materials used to make objects.

## Key stage 2

### National Curriculum Subject Areas:

History Understand the methods of historical enquiry

Science Scientific enquiry; Materials

Length of session: 60 minutes

Maximum group size: 32

### Session Outline

- Welcome to the Museum (10 minutes)
- Handling activity where pupils have to work out the identity of mystery objects (30 minutes)
- Looking at the range of materials used to make objects (15 minutes)
- Plenary (5 minutes)
- The class will be divided into 7 groups for the activity (8 if class has more than 28 pupils)
- Please allow for extra time if you want to visit the shop, or explore the Museum further

### Learning Outcomes

#### Aims

- Use historical and scientific enquiry skills to find out about an object
- Understand what information artefacts can reveal through use of senses
- Develop investigative skills as ask questions about an object in order to determine function

#### Key concepts

- Problem solving
- Questioning skills
- Teamwork

"Great questioning. Loved the visit. The children were full of wonder and excitement the whole time." (Yr 4 teacher)

"The smell was disgusting - something nasty was kept in there." (Yr 5)





## Pre-visit activities

- Find out the range of objects that are in the Pitt Rivers Museum.  
Visit: [www.prm.ox.ac.uk](http://www.prm.ox.ac.uk)
- The Museum is about people and the everyday objects they use and need from all over the world. What objects do all humans need?

## Post-visit activities

- Bring some mystery objects into the classroom and see if people can work out what they are used for. Try asking your family and grandparents for objects you could use.
- Create a suitcase of objects that describes a mystery person. What can pupils discover about the person from handling the objects?

## Booking information:

Booking is essential for all groups

We require a ratio of 1 adult to 10 pupils

Monday 12.00 – 4.30

Tuesday to Sundays 10.00 – 4.30

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Access is gained through the Oxford University Museum of Natural History.

Visits to this Museum must be booked separately using these contact details:

01865 282451 [education@oum.ox.ac.uk](mailto:education@oum.ox.ac.uk)

### Facilities

- Lunch can be eaten on the Museum lawn or in the University Parks in fine weather. If you require a space for lunch please discuss this when making your booking.
- The museum is fully accessible to visitors with disability, with an adapted toilet and lift to all floors. A disabled parking space may be booked in advance.

The cost for this session is £100. By supporting the Museum with this charge you are helping us meet some of the costs that go towards running our educational activities and ensuring that we can continue to develop new and exciting sessions for schools.

